



Spring 1 2025-26 — Earth & Space



Drivers and Values

Curriculum Drivers Confident

Communicator Widening

Horizons

Growth Mindset

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

School Values

Ready, Respectful, Safe

BRITISH VALUES

Mutual Respect and tolerance

Showing respect for ourselves and others and expecting it in return

Individual Liberty

Making choices and knowing, understanding and exercising rights and personal freedoms in a safe and supportive space

National Curriculum

As Readers, we will be reading Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo as our class text. Children should be reading every day at home.

In Spelling, we will continue using Spelling Shed Stage 4 to develop our spelling knowledge and accuracy. Spelling quizzes are on a Friday afternoon (children will have their words for a week).

As Writers, we will be discussing big ideas through persuasive writing – for example, “Should Zoos be Banned?”

In Poetry, we will enjoy reading, performing, and writing a range of shape poems.

As Mathematicians, we will focus on multiplication, division, shape, and fractions. We will practise our times tables every day, with a quiz on Friday afternoons (please keep practising at home using TTRs).

As Scientists, we will explore Earth and Space through practical investigations and experiments.

In Computing, we will be learning about programming (Year 4 – games, Year 5 – information sharing).

As Historians/Geographers, our topic will be Cracking Comparison.

As Designers and Artists, we will explore cultural traditions in art, including Batik printing inspired by artist Richard Kimbo.

In R.E., our focus will be on Islam, asking: What does it mean for a Muslim to live in Britain today?

In PSHE (Jigsaw), our unit is Dreams & Goals, thinking about our aspirations and how we can achieve them.

In P.E., we will develop skills in dance.

As Musicians, we will follow the Music Express unit on At the Movies, listening to, composing, and performing film-inspired music.

In French, we will be learning to talk about ourselves and our families.

Trips, Visitors & Competitions – We are very excited about our enrichment day: Unwrapping Ancient Egypt!

Forest School – Once a half term (last week).